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Dear Sheriff:

On March 23, 2018, Governor Rick Scott issued a letter informing school districts of the progress already made under Senate Bill (SB) 7026, the “Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act,” and outlined timelines necessary for implementation of the Act. In preparation for providing technical assistance for implementation, the Florida Department of Education will need to gather information from each sheriff that plans to participate in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program.

As outlined in section 30.15(1)(k), Florida Statutes (Section 5 of SB 7026), and the Governor’s letter regarding the guardian program:

- *By July 1, 2018, I expect each school board, in coordination with their County Sheriff to determine how many people they intend to train using the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program. This program is 100 percent voluntary. Once participation decisions have been made, DOE will work with the Governor’s Office and the Legislature to redirect any unused funding from this program to hire additional school resource officers and school safety officers.*

Please provide notification by July 1, 2018, indicating whether or not you plan to participate in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program by sending an email to Safeschools@fldoe.org. If you are planning to participate in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program please also include the following information:

1. Do you plan to participate in the Coach Arron Feis Guardian Program? If you plan to participate please answer the following questions:
 - a. Has the participation in the program been approved by your local school board? If not, when is it scheduled to be considered?
 - b. How many guardians are you expecting to train for the program?
 - c. Who is your guardian program contact person that can be reached for follow-up questions?

If you are participating, information on the process for receiving program funds is forthcoming. Thank you very much for providing timely information so we may assist with the implementation of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

Sincerely,

Pam Stewart